

HOUSE RESOLUTION 158

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reverend Mary E. Moore on being named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Reverend Mary E. Moore, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, after accepting the call to the preaching ministry in 1990, Reverend Mary E. Moore was licensed and ordained at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church by the late Reverend C.J. Patterson, Sr.; she was elected as the second female pastor to lead a Black Baptist church in Shelby County on December 7, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Moore earned a Continuing Education Diploma in Pastoral Ministry from the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zimbabwe, Africa, while serving as a delegate

with the Pastoral Excellence Program; she later graduated *cum laude* from Memphis Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of ministry, Reverend Moore has led various congregations; she currently serves as interim pastor for Olivet Fellowship Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Moore has served on various civic and religious boards and committees, including serving on the planning committee for "My Sister's Keeper" and as a founding member of both Veritas College Preparatory Charter School of Memphis and the National Coalition of Women in Ministry; and

WHEREAS, she is the former first vice president of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., a graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy, and a certified tutor for adult reading with the Memphis Literacy Council; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Moore has been honored with a number of awards and featured in several publications; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Reverend Moore be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Reverend Mary E. Moore on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry of 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.